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THE University of West Virginia will hold its commencement on 12th inst. The enrollment of students this year was 289, the highest figure it has yet reached.

A GOOD many boys just growing into manhood, of this, and all towns perhaps, are "beginning to show symptoms of speed." Now is the time for the old man to commence his training business with a hickory stick.

CUBA is still involved in war, and skirmishes are frequent. It is the plan of the insurgents to lie around in the high grass and worry the Spanish soldiers. If Cuba was annexed to the United States she might behave herself for a short time after marriage, but it would not be long until she made trouble in the family.

THE uncertainty of life is nowhere better illustrated than in the death of Secretary Gresham. He had in his own mind formed plans and schemes as to foreign nations which had affected and would affect millions in a greater or less degree, but he died as the commonest man would die. Death has the same dread details, be the subject of high or low degree, and no earthly pomp or civic power insures the continuation of the life lent man for a time.

PRESENTLY, now that the tariff is settled permanently, every one will have to take his stand on the silver question, and will howl, fight, celebrate, and all but die in his patriotic position on the question, just as intensely as we common men have served our respective parties, bound thereto by befuddled ideas of what the nation needed. The next great question is silver, the tariff will be relegated to the back-ground, and you will realize that "wind unmake a party that wind has made!"

Five Months School.

The Boards of Education of the various districts will meet on the first Monday of July and lay a levy for the sustenance of the primary free schools for a term of not less than five months. It is not generally known by the teachers, even, that they have to look forward to a five-months school the coming season. The new law gives the trustees power to have the schools begin at any time during the year. As copies of the acts will not be generally distributed before the Boards of Education meet, the Section will be given *in toto* in these columns next week. There is one provision as to minimum length of the school term, and that is when the teacher's fund cannot be raised by a levy of fifty cents or less on the hundred dollars valuation of property. This provision does not affect Pocahontas, as the levy for the teachers' fund, on the basis of a four-months school, was last year no higher than twenty-six cents in any district in the county. The levies ran, Humesville, 26 cents; Levels, 19 cents; Green Bank, 18 cents; Edray, 16 cents.

100 Dollars Reward.

Owing to recent losses through thieves of sheep in certain sections in Green Bank, Humesville, and Edray districts of this county, a number of citizens of Pocahontas county, for whose responsibility the editor of the TIMES vouches, offer a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of the thieves who have, or who may in the future, steal any sheep. Full particulars can be obtained by inquiry at this office. je7if

Adjudged a Lunatic.

George Gardner, the young man who only last week was released from jail, was again arrested by R. M. Beard and Walter Clark, of Academy. He was examined by Justice Curry, who heard the report of Dr. McClintic, the medical expert who had been called, and was adjudged a lunatic. Application for admittance to the asylum at Weston was forwarded at once, and Gardner was brought on to jail at this place to wait until he can be received at the asylum.

Gardner's lunacy seems to take the form of wishing to appear a desperado, and he puts his trust in a revolver. It was for his careless handling of a revolver in this town that he was imprisoned for thirty days. That revolver and his surplus jewelry was levied on by a constable for the costs of his case. When he got out his first thought was to secure possession of another six-shooter. He bought a suit of clothes and other things on credit at one of the stores of Academy, and then traded some of the goods for a revolver. He seemed to be in his element and fired his cartridges in very correct style. He talked wildly and was so fond of "making threats" against everyone, it was thought best for his own good and for the safety of the neighborhood that he should be taken care of.

He came near being shot at Mr Tom Callison's, on Locust Creek. He came strolling around the house after the doors were locked for the night, and had not the night been light enough to enable Mr Callison to recognize him, he would most likely have received a shot, as he refused to answer when having been spoken to. The special constables say that every body considers him as "crazy as a June-bug."

Died.

AUNT SARAH MORRISON.

Aunt Sarah Morrison died May 30th, aged 77 years, after a short illness. She leaves five daughters, namely: Mrs. Doctor Buzzard and Mrs. Rachel Casbolt, of Iowa; Mrs. Isaac Williams, of Kansas; and Mrs. Nancy Hill, and Mrs. Joel R. Hill, of Jacob and Lobelia. She was a devoted mother, and a faithful Christian for fifty-five years. Her home was near the residence of Mr. Doctor C. Hill, who has helped to care for her for many years. Her death recalls the tragic death of her husband, who was killed 35 years ago. He was working in the mill, and slipped and fell, was caught by a cogged water wheel, and carried around with it until his body stopped the mill. His crushed and lifeless body was found by his family in the dark hours of the night.

W. B. H.

CHURCH NOTES.

The evangelist, C. M. Howard, has just closed a meeting at Crab Bottom, Va. Eighty persons, most adults, professed to have decided for Christ, and declared their intention to unite with the church, most of whom will unite with the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. It is thought to be by far the most effective meeting ever held here. The people drank in with eagerness the copious instruction of the evangelist. He is now holding a meeting at Franklin, Pendleton county, W. Va., with Rev. J. S. Smith.—*Exchange.*

There will be singing at Baxter church (Dunmore) Sunday morning at 10 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m.

Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Education of Edray District at Edray, June 15, 1895 at 1 P. M. All persons having claims against the building funds are required to present the same for adjustment. By order of the Board of Education. J. E. BARLOW, Secretary.

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A Bit Out of the Past.

The first sabbath-school gathered of Marlinton, in 1833, was taught at the old Poage house that stood near the orchard in lower Marlinton. It had two teachers, the late James A. Price and his wife, Margaret. They were living in a log tenement near the Powell Spring, where the brick for the new court-house were made last summer. John Williams, a renter, occupied the Poage house. This family afterwards lived in Humesville, and thence moved to Missouri.

There were two classes, Testament class and spelling-book class. Mrs Price taught the first and her husband the other. Mrs. Price brought her two children, one a son in his 3d year the other a daughter in her 1st year. A Miss Williams minded the children by way of assistance. The school opened at ten o'clock, had a recess at noon for an hour when lunch was eaten, and then an afternoon session closing about three p. m.

Ruth McCollum, now the aged Mrs Kee, was a member of the Testament class. Her brothers, Isaac and James, were in the spelling class. Jennie, Betty, and Samuel Gay, children of William Gay on the mountain, were also scholars in this school. Hannah, Robert, and Polly, children of Samuel Gay, attended also. This family lived on the farm now owned by George Gibson, a son of Polly.

The venerable James McCollum remembers the first lesson read from the spelling-book, and he never felt his importance more than when he was called on to stand up and show how well he could recite his reading lesson, which was in these words, "He who came to save us will wash us from our sins. I will be glad in His name."

Mr McCollum has a remarkable memory and it is well stored with interesting recollections, which it is hoped he will commit to writing for the instruction and pleasure of many friends.

Proposed Railway.

The latest advices from Harrisonburg, as given by the Rockingham Register, state that a number of New York gentlemen were there last week on business connected with the work on the new C. & W. Railroad. They will not give out anything for the papers, but hint that matters are in a very satisfactory condition, and a cheerful feeling pervades the circle of their confidential friends. The time lost in preliminary work will be made up by vigorous work when operations are actually begun. The signs indicate that the road will cross the B. & O. south of the town and head for Bridewater and Monterey.

EDRAY ITEMS.

Warm, warmer, warmest weather ever felt. Too warm for a lazy man.

Farmers are busy working their corn.

Our Sunday School is progressing nicely under the management of Mr Henry Barlow. The question given the school for next Sunday is, "What was the last word Christ spoke on earth?"

Quite a large crowd listened to a very instructive sermon delivered by Rev. W. T. Price at Hamlin Chapel Sunday.

Mr McClintic, the miller at McLaughlin's mill, is doing the best work that has been done there for several years.

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